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To whom this concerns;

I am a computer consultant who focuses on small businesses, churches, missions and families. I build systems, write custom applications and train users. I have been in business since 1989. This needed to be said to lend credibility to what I have to say.

First, this is an anti-trust suit. Why? Because Microsoft cannot be trusted. If this were a different time in history Bill Gates' name would be Al Capone. The primary difference between these two men is their choice of weapons and the playing field. Both are/were driven by greed and an insatiable desire to control people.

Any settlement that increases the distribution of Microsoft products is totally contrary to what is needed to send a message to the up and coming "wannabes" that the type of Microsoft crime does not pay. AOL got where they are by giving away their software. Now you are proposing to do the same for Microsoft? Please do not do it.

Make Microsoft refund to any purchaser who asks, a substantial portion of the Windows purchase price as just compensation for manipulating them. Also, require their operating systems to be made open source and available to anyone. They can keep their proprietary applications but the operating systems should be open source because they are the weapons used to bludgeon purchasers into using their software. No Microsoft software should be part of any settlement. Only cash should be involved.

Sincerely,

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